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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HORNBLow

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, AF, US

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH'S VISIT TO THE U.S.

REF: KABUL 5122

1. ALL HANDS PLEASED WAHEED ABDULLAH PLANS COME TO NEW YORK FOR UNGA AND THINK IDEA OF VISIT AND SPEECH IN SAN FRANCISCO AN EXCELLENT ONE. SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE - KEEPERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ABOUT ABDULLAH'S VISIT BUT IT STILL TOO EARLY TO COMMENT ON LIKELIHOOD OF A VANCE - ABDULLAH MEETING.

2. CAN BE MORE DEFINITE REGARDING PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO TRIP. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ASIA FOUNDATION DELIGHTED AND WOULD LIKE TO HOST SMALL INVITATIONAL LUNCH (20-25 GUESTS) FOR ABDULLAH. PARTICIPANTS WOULD INCLUDE FOUNDATION STAFF, SOME MEMBERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND RE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENTATIVES FROM ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES. ABDULLAH WOULD BE REQUESTED MAKE BRIEF INFORMAL REMARKS AND RESPOND TO QUESTIONS.

3. PRESIDENT OF ASIA FOUNDATION (HAYDN WILLIAMS) HOPES IN ADDITION ABDULLAH COULD RESERVE ONE EVENING TO ATTEND DINNER PARTY IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY WILLIAMS OR OTHER

BOARD MEMBER.

4. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ARRANGING LATE AFTERNOON FUNCTION RATHER THAN DINNER. (DUE TO INFLATIONARY RAVAGES DINNERS NOW COST 15-20 DOLLARS PER HEAD.) THEY WOULD PROPOSE PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

5:15 COCKTAILS
6:00 TALK BY ABDULLAH
6:30 Q'S AND A'S
7:00 PROGRAM ENDS

AUDIENCE WOULD BE A VARIED ONE OF PERHAPS 150 PEOPLE CONSISTING OF OLD AFGHAN HANDS, STUDENTS, RETIREES ETC. WAC SUGGESTED OCTOBER 4 WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY GOOD DATE. WAC ALSO ADVISED THAT GOOD SUBURBAN PROGRAM COULD BE ARRANGED IF ABDULLAH IN BAY AREA OVER A WEEKEND.

5. IN ORDER PROCEED FURTHER NEED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

-- APPROXIMATE DATES OF SAN FRANCISCO VISIT AND NUMBER IN PARTY.

-- ANY INTEREST IN SIGHTSEEING OR TRIPS OUTSIDE BAY AREA?
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-- WOULD ABDULLAH BE WILLING TO GRANT NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS AND APPEAR ON LOCAL TV?

-- ANY INTEREST IN VISITING AND SPEAKING AT LOCAL UNIVERSITIES?

-- NEED TITLE OF POSSIBLE TALK AT WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL. SUGGEST QUOTE CURRENT SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN UNQUOTE.

6. HAVE NOTIFIED AMBASSADOR KARIM OF IDEA. KARIM ENTHUSIASTIC AND MIGHT WISH TO ACCOMPANY ABDULLAH ON VISIT.

7. NEW SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS WONDERS IF YOU WOULD WISH UNDERTAKE ANY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS ON WEST COAST DURING YOUR HOME LEAVE.

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